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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Item #07-16

Dear Secretary:

The ability to access the Internet is becoming increasingly important in our society. Our children use it to enhance their education, small businesses use it to help them compete more successfully in today's wired economy, and governments use it to communicate more effectively with their citizens. Yet, many in our society still do not have access to the Internet due to cost or the area in which they live.

I am an attorney in Texas and Vice President of the Texas State Bar Standing Committee on Legal Services to the Poor. The Bar is considering using the Internet as a means to meet the currently unmet legal needs of the poor. As a former legal aid lawyer, I know this could be a breakthrough to help families who otherwise have no place to go for legal assistance.

I believe it is important that as we work to get more connected as a country, we make sure that there is not a digital divide in our nation between those able to connect in the Internet versus those who cannot due to economic circumstances or location.

According to Governor Eliot Spitzer of New York, a child in South Korea has access to the Internet that is 10 times faster and half the price than a child in the South Bronx area of New York. Our nation should work toward developing a nationwide broadband policy that makes access easier and more affordable for our families and businesses.

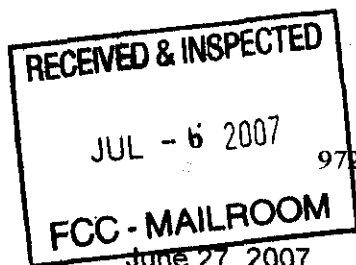
At present the FCC has before it a proposal from M2Z Networks that would provide free nationwide broadband service across America. I hope the FCC will give this proposal its consideration, along with other proposals that will provide easier access and more affordability for many in our country.

Thank you.

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cc: FCC Chairman Kevin Martin
United States Senator John Cornyn
United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson
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